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To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Wed, Jan 22, 2003 8:07 PM
Subject: Consider The Needs Of Children!

FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy

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Sincerely,

Susan Shapira
101 Primrose Path
Mill Valley, California 94941

cc:
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Representative Lynn Woolsey

From: paru55@msn.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
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Patricia Runkel
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cc:
Senator Patty Murray
Representative Jennifer Dunn
Senator Maria Cantwell

From: LBECKELMAN@AOL.COM
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Laurie Beckelman
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Marshfield. Massachusetts 02050

cc:
Senator Edward Kennedy
Senator John Kerry
Representative William Delahunt

From: George Caneda
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, Jan 25, 2003 10:12 AM
Subject: FCC protect media independence

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From: greshan60@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, Jan 24, 2003 9:48 AM
Subject: I oppose media concentration!

Commissioner Michael J. Copps:

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -
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Thank you,

Shirley Smith

P.O. Box 6723
Longview, TX, 75608

From: Gwen Perkins
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, Jan 22, 2003 8:33 AM
Subject FCC protect media independence

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Dr. Gwen Perkins
2609 Redbud Drive
Starkville MS 39759

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To: Michael Copps
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Harry Guelzow

P.O.Box 50962
Idaho Falls,, ID, 83405

From: Heather—obrien@urmc.rochester.edu
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, Jan 23, 2003 7:45 AM
Subject: Consider The Needs Of Children!

FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

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Heather O'Brien
300 Crittenden Blvd
Rochester, New York 14626

cc:
Senator Charles Schumer
Senator Hillary Clinton

From: Helen Freitag
To: Helen Freitag
Date: Fri, Jan 24, 2003 4:04 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Graham
Senator Nelson
Representative Keller
Message text follows:

Helen Freitag
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Ocala. FL 34472-2317

January 24,2003

[recipientaddress was inserted here]

[recipient name was inserted here],

The Federal Communications Commission is considering taking actions that will restrict consumer choice by deregulating local phone service.

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Sincerely,

Helen W Freitag

From: Jacob Payne
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, Jan 24, 2003 10:29 PM
Subject: Media Ownership Rules

Michael K. Powell

Chairman

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Powell:

I am writing to tell you of my opposition to the proposed changes by your agency to the current Media Ownership Rules.

Further concentration of media ownership does not serve our democratic society based upon democratic principles, but instead undermines it. Following World War II, our government placed restrictions upon news media outlet ownership because of how totalitarian regimes used controlled media concentrated in the hands of a few corporations and government agencies to control their people and move the world towards war. The proposed changes to the current Media Ownership Rules completely undermines this principle that so many Americans have fought to defend from our countrys birth to the present.

Furthermore, the series of reports released by the FCC about the current media marketplace are focused almost entirely on the economic impact of relaxing the ownership rules. They ignore the public's interest in a diverse and independent press. You have also scheduled only one public hearing regarding this issue. The FCC has barely publicized the proposed changes, and combined with a very short public comment period I can only surmise that you hope to sneak these changes past the American people. I certainly didnt find out about them as a result of anything that was done by your agency.

You should be ashamed that an agency under your leadership is not using what is in the best interests of the American public as its guiding principle, but instead is thinking of what is most profitable for a few huge corporations who only care about the bottom line, not about what is good for democracy.

Sincerely yours,

Jacob Payne

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Pineville Kentucky 40977

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From: Frances Blake
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, Jan 24, 2003 4:01 AM
Subject: Keep media free and competitive

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Frances Blake

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From: freecitizen7941@lycos.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, Jan 24, 2003 9:49 AM
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Richard Garner

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121 Orange Ave., Sp. 115
Chula Vista, CA, 91911

From: Gabrielle Mathieu
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, Jan 25, 2003 10:09 AM
Subject: Relaxation of Monopoly Rules for Media Outlets

I strongly feel that rules not be relaxed further. For example, companies should be barred from owning a newspaper and a television station in the same city.

Sincerely,
Gabrielle Mathieu

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From: Gail Wondra
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, Jan 17, 2003 11:25 PM
Subject: Regulations to prevent a single media from controlling multiple areas

I am concerned about any changes which allow consolidation of media ownership.

Pending changes in media ownership rules will affect journalism and the quality of information the public gets. Today, six major corporations control most of the once-independent TV stations, radio stations and newspapers in our country. This dramatically affects decisions about what stories and advertisements are published or broadcast, and that affects people's access to information, a cornerstone of our democracy. We need to prevent one company from owning a newspaper and TV station in a single community. Currently, in some cases media unions have been refused ad space or coverage of labor disputes by media companies that largely control their market.

More importantly, allowing media to be controlled by a smaller number of corporations, affects the type and quality of news we receive. We need to guard against this consolidation to ensure a democratic society. If we further relax rules on media ownership, the few remaining independent voices in America will be silenced. We need to ensure media diversity.

Thank you for your consideration,

Gail Wondra

From: Garren Gaut
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu. Jan 23, 2003 11:41 PM
Subject: media

Please don't abandon the media regulations aoncerning media ownership in the united states. If you were to do **so**, you would be destroying many true and wanted new coverings. You would be breaking the some of the rights of the first amendment, speech and press. You would be living a lie under the constitution believing that people really do have rights.

Thanks for listening

Concerned Citizen

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From: George Caneda
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, Jan 25, 2003 9:51 AM
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From: David Schoeneck
To: David Schoeneck
Date: Sat, Jan 25, 2003 10:42 AM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

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Senator Clinton
Representative Walsh
Message text follows:

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David Schoeneck

From: David Stich
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, Jan 23, 2003 12:28 PM
Subject: Relaxation of Media Ownership Controls is a Mistake

Dear Mr. Powell:

I think it would be a grave mistake to relax the media ownership laws. This would put the control of the news into too few hands and the media would become even more biased than it is now.

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David Stich

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To: Commissioner Adelstein
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Dawson Tunnell
212 Solar Way
Denton, Tex. 76207-2204

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Debra McKnight Higgins

From: Dennie
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, Jan 24, 2003 4:38 PM
Subject: FCC changes in media ownership

Dear Mr. Michael K. Powell:

I am writing in regards to the proposed changes in Media Ownership Rules

Although I am not fully aware of the details of these changes, I have to raise some points. First I would like to state that I am completely against centralizing power within media any further than it already is. As it stands, there are only about 22 to 25 corporations controlling smaller companies, one wire service to provide international and national news, only four radio networks (ABC, CBS, NBC, and Mutual), and only four television stations (ABC, CBS, NBC, and CNN) that provide the vast majority of news. To further concentrate this is insane.

Secondly, the simple fact that you seem to be doing this behind the backs of the American people appears to go against many of the ideals men and women have died fighting for. With such a short comment period and only one public hearing, one has a hard time coming to any other conclusion.

If reform in this area is truly necessary, then bring it to the attention of the American people, who are displeased with the current situation. I'm sure that if this is done a beneficial outcome will occur; not one in which we concentrate the sources of our information. To not publicize something like this, just compounds thoughts that you are attempting to do something the people of this country do not approve of. This just seems like too much of a totalitarian move for the United States of America.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,
Kevin Burghardt
3703 N Sadler Dr
Sanford, MI 48657

From: Dianne Miller
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri. Jan 24, 2003 7:11 PM
Subject: Media diversity

Dear Mr. Powell,

Media diversity should be a top priority for the FCC. Media concentration cripples democracy

Please preserve and refrain from weakening the rule prohibiting cross ownership of newspapers and television stations in the same market.

Sincerely,

Dianne Miller
1440 Puterbaugh St.
San Diego, CA 92103

From: Dotbed
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, Jan 24, 2003 1:37 AM
Subject: Media Bias

Mr Powell , what really needs to happen with the networks is for them to become less biased when it comes to issues that concern all americans . It is quite disturbing to try & watch the news and only get the conservative perspective or the personal opinion of the person telling the news. There should be guidelines set so that these people know that they are on the air to deliver the news and become part of the news by voicing their own personal opinions . There should not be a network like FOX. They are truly the network of record for the republican party, and no democrat stands a chance with these people. The saying that they are fair and unbiased is not so. The O'Reilly show, Shawn Hannity , Brit Hume and most other deliver their messages with the republican view on issues that are important to all americans .

From: DuLaney & Franklin
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, Jan 22, 2003 12:32 AM
Subject: Relaxation of ownership rules for media outlets

Dear Chairman Powell and Commission members:

I heard a media report about your hearings to explore relaxing rules for ownership of media outlets. According to that report, Chairman Powell began the hearing by calling media diversity one of the most cherished of American values, but that a review of the rules was necessary because the courts were requiring the commission to justify its rules.

I suggest that a fair-minded review will show that most media is already concentrated in too few hands. A relaxation of the rules would only further limit political debate.

Rules that limit ownership will not be hard to justify to the courts. The justification is perhaps too simple for a good court brief. It is all too clear that the media can sway public opinion. We can continue to have true diversity in the media and maintain a democracy, or we can turn the media over to a handful of like-minded people and we will live under tyranny. It is really that simple. I think you know in your hearts that this is true.

You have a tremendous responsibility when you make this decision. Please vote for democracy.

Thank you

Sincerely,
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Date: Fri, Jan 24, 2003 4:01 AM
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